BA-14 c. 1850

Robert C. Norris House SW corner of Old Court and Inwood Roads Granite

The Hopkins Atlas of 1877 showed G.F. Smith as the owner, but there were prior possessors. Built of local granite and covered with rough-cast, the stone house has a large center hall, thick walls, and fireplaces in every room. The proportions suggest a Greek Revival style, but the house was probably vernacular, a five-bay house converted to a Greek Revival design. The house is 2 1/2-stories high, with a brick chimney, and a porch on the south (front) side. There is also a frame addition. In this century, it was converted into apartments. The house is set in a grove of oaks, facing a church parking lot. The owner is listed as William H. Ockenfels.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOT APHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

Maryland 1. STATE Baltimore COUNTY

VICINITY Dist. II STREET NO. Old Court Road

ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY BA-14 INVENTORY

Robert Norris House 2. NAME

DATE OR PERIOD about 1850 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Hopkins Atlas of Baltimore County, indicates G. F. Smith as the owner in 1877, but probably not the original one. Granite stone from local quarries, plastered over; large center hall, fireplaces in every room, thick Proportions suggest Greek Revival period. walls. Frame addition, converted to apartments. In a grove of huge oak trees.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered

Interior

Exterior

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

7. PHOTOGRAPH

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER (First HABS Report) E. Frances Offutt HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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